

Division of Vocational Rehabilitation (DVR) Technical Specifications: Supported Employment

Effective July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2017

Description of Service Category

Supported Employment is competitive integrated employment in an integrated work setting in which an individual with a most significant disability, including a youth with a most significant disability, is working consistent with the unique strengths, abilities, interests, and informed choice of the individual, with ongoing support services.

Customized Employment is a model of supported employment that is available as a different set of services.

Supported employment services are provided in a working alliance with many partners. Communication is the key to success between these partners. Use of issued agency guidance, technical assistance guides, and policies and regulations is encouraged to build collaboration.

DVR can provide up to 24 months of support, although this level of need is rare. DVR can provide up to 48 months of support for youth (age 14-24). The services and processes outlined in the technical specifications have been designed to insure a good job match and reduce the need for support while maximizing consumer independence.

All DVR services must be provided in competitive wage and integrated settings.

NOTE: DVR will accept supported employment reports that recommend and contain information about the conditions for competitive and integrated employment. Detailed information must be provided as to the nature of any needed support for an individual to work in a competitive integrated workplace. A percentage of projected support is not an acceptable report recommendation and will not be accepted for payment.

[Link to Roles and Responsibilities Document\(s\)](#)

Note: All elements listed in the Roles and Responsibilities document serve as part of the technical specifications and are required to be completed by the Service Provider.

Service(s):

SERVICE	PURPOSE	TIMEFRAME(S)	DELIVERABLES	PAYMENT
<u>Supported Employment Career Profile</u>	To obtain information from the consumer and those on the support team.	60 days	1.) Career Profile Report 2.) Optional Meeting	\$950
<u>Supported Employment Job Development</u>	Develop a plan for the consumer to obtain, maintain, and sustain	Initial contact with consumer within 48 hours of	1.) Job Development Plan 2.) Resume	\$2100 (35+ hours/wk

	employment.	authorization. Job Development Plan, progress and quality will be reviewed every 60 days until Hire. Monthly Reports (calendar)	3.) Review every 60 days 4.) Monthly Report(s) 5.) Hire Report	and health insurance benefits or 35+hours/wk and \$12/hour) -or- \$1900 (20+ hours/wk and health insurance benefits or 20+ hours/wk and \$9/hour) -or- \$1500 all other
<u>Initial Support Services-Systematic Instruction Plan</u>	Provide support for a period necessary for the consumer to reach stability.	Within the first 30 days of employment	1.) Initial Support Services-Systematic Instruction Plan Report 2.) The required SE team meeting must be held within 45 days from the start date of the consumer.	Pending
<u>Monthly Systematic Instruction</u>	Provide support for a period necessary for the consumer to reach stability.	Monthly Reports (calendar)	1.) Monthly Progress Report(s)	\$800 per month
<u>Transition to Long Term Supports</u>	Transition consumer to Long Term supports	Minimum 90 days of employment to 6 months	1.) Transition to Long Term Supports Report	\$1200

An Authorization for Services is required from DVR before any services can begin.

Service– Supported Employment Career Profile

- During the time that the career profile is being completed, the provider will take the consumer out to meet with employers and learn about work. This information will be used to help in vocational planning, job searching and identifying resources for support once the consumer begins work. It is expected that the consumer will need long-term support to maintain competitive employment so the members of the support team should be identified and then involved in completion of the career profile. If the DVR Counselor or consumer requests a meeting, the provider will convene a meeting with the support team to review the contents of the career profile.
 - The provider will have several meetings (3 or more) with the consumer to complete the sections of the career profile.
 - The provider will meet with the consumer in the community in an integrated setting of the consumer's choice.
 - The provider will take the consumer out to meet with potential employers to learn about what steps are necessary to get a job.

- The provider will have an interview with various members of the support team to complete the sections of the career profile. The consumer must be interviewed in person and should be asked to identify other interviewees. At least 3 other interviews are required from among; DVR Consumer, DVR Counselor, long term support representative (if identified), family members or guardian, case manager(s), previous or current school representatives, treating medical professional, case manager, spouse or significant other, advocate or any other person the consumer chooses. Priority should be given to individuals who have knowledge of support strategies and resources needed to assist in long term employment.

[Link to SE Career Profile Report](#)

Service– Supported Employment Job Development

- This service is provided in two parts. The first part is completion of the job development plan and job preparation activities and the second part is job development using a systematic approach until there is a job start. A professional resume is a requirement for this service.
- The first monthly report will consist of a written job development plan to provide supported employment systematic job development services. All elements of this plan will be discussed with the consumer and DVR Counselor and include responsibilities of each party and a 60-day in-person review component. There must be a contact standard identified between the consumer and service provider and between potential employers and the service provider.
- DVR will provide information and support to a consumer to maximize the number of hours the consumer can work. A position obtained by the provider must be consistent with the consumer's employment goal listed in their IPE. During initial meetings the employment team including the consumer, should discuss the number of hours the consumer would like to work and include in plan report. This estimate of hours should be based on the consumers stated preference and ability to work. If there is a difference in the hours secured, the employment team must agree upon these changes prior to starting employment.
- If the team thinks that the consumer would benefit from temporary work while seeking permanent employment, existing options will be made available while supported employment efforts continue. Use of these options should be purposeful and time-limited, and may also include Work Incentive Benefits Analysis services to determine what work incentives are available.
 - For all consumers who need on the job site supports for any non SE activity (training program, OJT, I/TW); systematic instruction will be provided at the \$45/hour rate. Only permanent positions for SE consumers will receive the monthly Systematic Instruction rate of \$800/month.
- The service provider will use systematic job development strategies by visiting employers, who are selected based on job seeker preferences, to learn about their business needs and hiring preferences. Systematic job development relies on relationship building and time spent in the community. The systematic approach to job development will allow for a good job match and reduce the need for workplace support while maximizing consumer independence. Service providers should have documentation of at least six weekly face-to-face contacts with a person at a business with hiring authority. These contacts when related to the authorized consumer should be provided in monthly DVR reports.

[Link to SE Job Development Plan Report](#)

[Link to SE Job Development Monthly Report](#)

Service– Initial Support Services – Systematic Instruction Plan

DVR supports transition to long term support as soon as possible given individual circumstances. The goals of systematic instruction are to break down job tasks into components followed by modification of the task as needed and supported by training. The instruction is designed to provide a reduction in the level and method of supports. A transition should occur to natural supports as quickly as possible.

[Link to ISS Systematic Instruction Plan Report](#)

Service– Monthly Systematic Instruction

- The supported employment provider will be paid when the consumer is transitioned to long-term support in months 1-6.
- In general, a consumer is considered stable on a job when he/she has met the level of stability identified and agreed to by the team and employer. While further independence and progress may still be made, stabilization has occurred when the consumer has learned the job, and is performing at a level where he/she is able accurately complete the required job tasks with a reasonable level of support given the timeframe on the job and in the timeframe agreed upon with the employer.
- A required meeting with the supported employment team will take place in month 2 of employment to review the Systematic Instruction Plan and initial progress of the consumer on the job. This meeting is to identify all strategies to support the consumer on the job and make early adjustments as necessary for job retention.

[Link to Monthly Systematic Instruction Report](#)

Service–Transition to Long Term Support

- A meeting with the service provider, consumer, counselor and long-term support provider (as well as others invited by the consumer) should be conducted to discuss the timing and plan to facilitate the transfer.

[Link to Transition to LTS Report](#)

Service/Reporting Requirements

Statewide DVR service and reporting elements are located in the required reporting template(s) found here: [Link to Required DVR Statewide Service Report\(s\)](#)

Reports are due within 5 business days of the end of the service or previous month if the service is continuing.

****If the service provider is seeking to use their own reporting template, the report must contain all the elements and follow the same sequence in the required DVR reporting template. Please email the DVR Program Development Specialist at DVRSpecialContracts@dwd.wisconsin.gov to submit a reporting template and request for approval.*

Billing Requirements

Invoices for services should be submitted as described on the Authorization for Services, also referred to as the purchase order. Invoices must be received by DVR within 60 days of completion of the service. Properly submitted invoices will be paid within 30 days of receipt when reports and services have been delivered and accepted as specified.